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## **M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council  
FROM: Joanie Baxter, Controller  
DATE: March 31, 2017  
SUBJECT: Effective date of Water and Sewer Rate Increase

Since 2005, when the automatic rate increase was put into effect for water and sewer charges, the increase has been effective January 1 for the May 1 billing, since usage beginning January was not billed into May and June. Now that we are on monthly billing, it is necessary to change the Ordinance to indicate when the rate increase will be effective. The Finance and Personnel Committee discussed this issue on January 17, 2017 and unanimously recommend the City Council amend the Ordinance to indicate that the rate increase will be effective on an annual basis on May 1 for April usage.

First Reading of the Ordinance will take place on April 3, 2017. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

C: Jim Culotta, City Administrator

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Synopsis: The following ordinance will amend the section of the City Code relating to the rates for city water service. Specifically, it changes the effective date of the previously approved annual water rate increase to May 1st.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 50.50 AS IT PERTAINS TO  
CITY WATER SERVICE RATES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

**Insert Bold Text As Shown Below**

**§ 50.50 RATES FOR CITY WATER SERVICE**

(A)(3) The rates for water service described in subsections (1) and (2) above shall automatically increase on January 1, 2005, and annually each January 1 thereafter, by two and one-half percent (2.5%) or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater, and rounded to the nearest whole cent. The rate of inflation shall be calculated annually on November 1 using the most recent twelve (12) month period as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). **Effective May 1, 2017 and annually each May 1 thereafter, the automatic water service rate increase shall be applied on the May bill for April water usage.**

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk